



**BRAZOS COUNTY
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**ORDER NUMBER 2
UNDER
DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER FOR PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, beginning in December 2019, a novel coronavirus, now designated COVID-19 was detected in mainland China, and has since spread throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a worldwide pandemic on March 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 virus mainly spreads between people who are in close contact with one another through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the Governor of the State of Texas issued a proclamation certifying that COVID-19 poses an imminent threat of disaster in the state and declaring a state of disaster for all counties in Texas; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, Brazos County Judge, declared a Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency for a 7 (seven) day period, stating that extraordinary measures must be taken to contain COVID-19 and prevent its spread throughout Brazos County, Texas;

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, Brazos County Commissioners Court, approved a 30 (thirty) day extension of the original 7 (seven) day original Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency, extending the Declaration through April 18, 2020, finding that an emergency still exists.

WHEREAS, there are now confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Brazos County and additional action must be taken in order to protect the Health and Welfare of its citizens and employees.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE BRAZOS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT, BRAZOS COUNTY, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. That this ORDER NUMBER 2 Under Declaration of Local Disaster For Public Health Emergency be given prompt and general publicity and filed with the Brazos County Clerk.

SECTION 2. That effective Friday March 20, 2020 at twelve (12) midnight, Brazos County will operate providing essential functions only and will be operating with essential personnel as designated by their Elected Officials and Department Heads.

SECTION 3. That effective Friday March 20, 2020 at twelve (12) midnight, all Brazos County Buildings will be closed to the general public and only members of the public participating in essential functions will be allowed entrance.

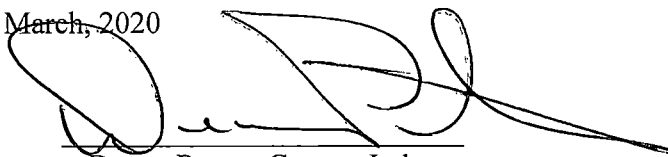
SECTION 4. That this Order confirms that Brazos County's Policy on Emergency Closing and Payment of Employees went into effect Friday, March 13, 2020 and that all "non-elected exempt employees who are assigned to work the disaster shall be temporarily reclassified as non-exempt employees during the time declared as disaster."

SECTION 5. Brazos County Commissioners further find that there is a public purpose in reducing staff to essential personnel and that it further assists in the protection of the health and safety of its citizens as well as its employees. In order to facilitate tracking and reporting of expenditures, non-essential personnel will code their non-working regularly schedule hours as Administrative Leave with Pay.

SECTION 6. Brazos County Employees shall cease all non-essential work-related travel.

SECTION 7. That this Order will remain in effect through April 3, 2020 or until extended or rescinded.

ORDERED this 19th day of March, 2020



Duane Peters, County Judge

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Commissioner Steve Aldrich
Precinct 1

Approved by phone
Commissioner Sammy Catalena
Precinct 2

Nancy Berry
Commissioner Nancy Berry
Precinct 3

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Commissioner Irma Cauley
Precinct 4

Karen McQueen
Attest: Karen McQueen, County Clerk

